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Portugal* and Senegal: draft resolution

Youth

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and beyond, and Assembly resolution 60/2 of 6 October 2005, in which it decided to add five additional priority areas for the implementation of the World Programme of Action,[1]

Recalling the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2006 of the Economic and Social Council, submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations,[2]

1. *Recognizes* that young people form an active part of society and are important actors for social development and encourages Member States, therefore, to involve young people and youth organizations in all aspects of youth development, including holding consultations with youth-led organizations and, where appropriate, inviting youth representatives to participate in national delegations to relevant United Nations forums;

2. *Appreciates* the collaboration between the United Nations and its agencies and regional commissions, Governments and regional, national and non-governmental youth organizations in the implementation and monitoring of

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] General Assembly resolution 60/2, para. 13.

[2] See A/61/3, chap. III.

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progress of implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,[3] and urges them to continue to do so;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of the *World Youth Report*, produced by the Secretariat, in providing the guidelines and standards for addressing youth development issues around the world, and urges the Secretary-General to regularize the production of the report, through voluntary contributions, as a biannual recurrent publication of the United Nations beginning in 2009;

4. *Reiterates* the call of the General Assembly on the organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to enhance inter-agency arrangements on youth policies and programmes with a view to improving coordination and enhancing synergies among relevant system activities in this regard;[4]

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General, in the light of the growing interest across United Nations agencies and programmes in youth development, to take a lead and a more systematic role in inter-agency consultations on youth development, in cooperation with Governments and youth-led non-governmental organizations, and to move such discussions from an ad hoc to a more regular basis;

6. *Invites* the regional commissions, the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental forums, within their respective mandates, to ensure the effective implementation of all fifteen priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth and to continue to be actively involved in their monitoring and follow-up;

7. *Invites* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund in order to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth in countries with limited resources, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to identify goals and targets regarding the cluster "youth and the global economy" and to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

9. *Takes note* of the proposed indicators contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth[5] to measure and track progress in the implementation of youth programmes at the national levels, and requests the Secretariat to further refine these indicators and to report thereon to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-sixth session.

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[3] General Assembly resolution 50/81, annex.

[4] General Assembly resolution 60/2, para. 6.

[5] A/62/61-E/2007/7, chap. I, sect. B.5.